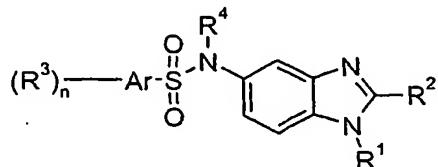


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



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wherein

R¹ is selected from C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, R<sup>5</sup>-C(=O)-O-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>O-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>C(=O)N(-R<sup>6</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NS(=O)<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>CS(=O)<sub>2</sub>N(-R<sup>6</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NC(=O)N(-R<sup>7</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

10 R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NS(=O)<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>7</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C(=O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C(=O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>hydrocarbyl amino, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>N-, R<sup>5</sup>O-, R<sup>5</sup>C(=O)N(-R<sup>6</sup>)-, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NS(=O)<sub>2</sub>-, R<sup>5</sup>CS(=O)<sub>2</sub>N(-R<sup>6</sup>)-, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NC(=O)N(-R<sup>7</sup>)-, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NS(=O)<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>7</sup>)-, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C(=O)-, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl and C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C(=O)-; wherein said C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C(=O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C(=O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>hydrocarbyl amino, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C(=O)-, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl or C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C(=O)- used in defining R¹ is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, benzyl, and -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

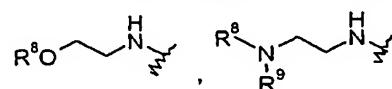
20 R<sup>2</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>N-, C<sub>3-5</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl and C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl or C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl used in defining R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, and -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

wherein R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, and a divalent C<sub>1-6</sub>group that together with another divalent R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> forms a portion of a ring;

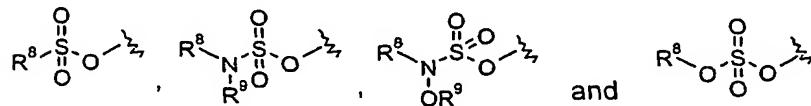
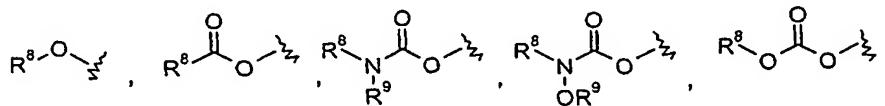
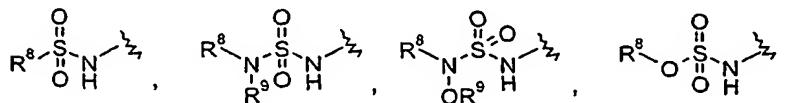
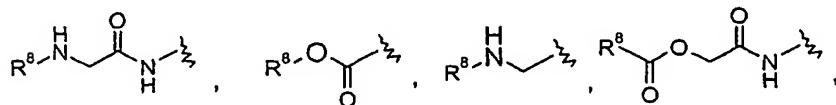
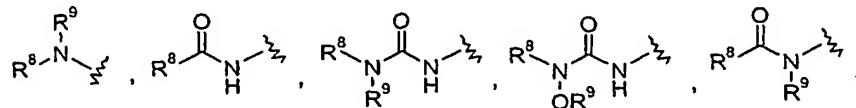
Ar is selected from C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl and C<sub>3-8</sub>heteroaryl;

5 n is selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3;

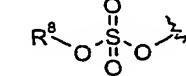
each of R<sup>3</sup> is independently selected from -H, nitro, halogen, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl and



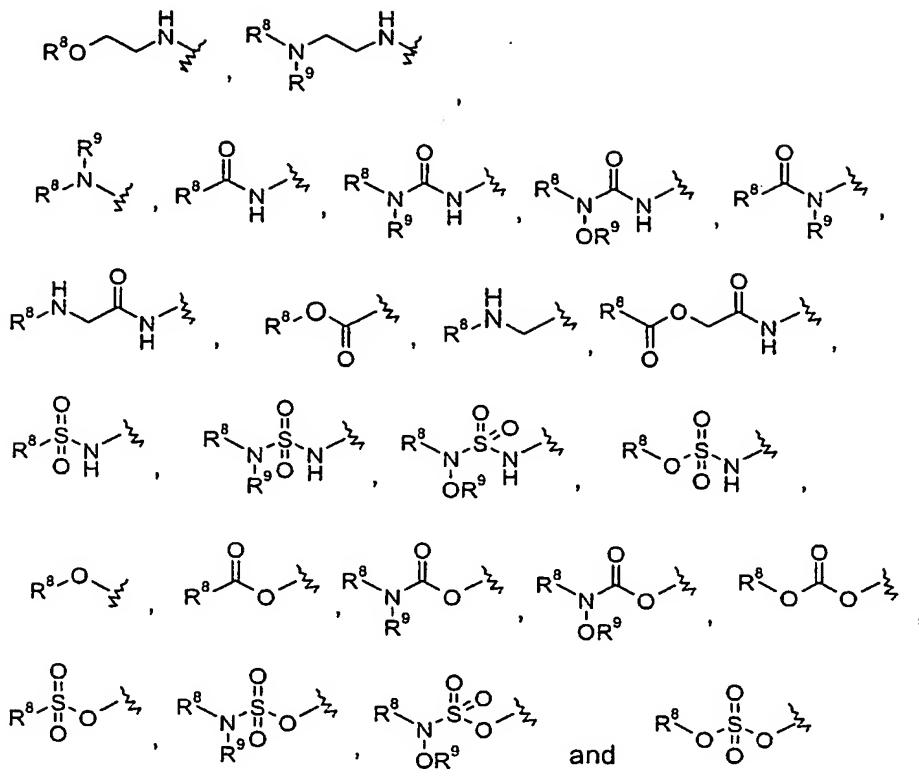
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and



10 optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, halogen, amino and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy,



each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, and a divalent C<sub>1-6</sub>group that together  
5 with another divalent group selected from R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> forms a portion of a ring,  
wherein said C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or  
divalent C<sub>1-6</sub>group is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from  
halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, and -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; and  
10 R<sup>4</sup> is selected from -H, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, and C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl.  
2. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
R<sup>1</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-O-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, and C<sub>4-6</sub>cycloalkenyl, wherein said C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-O-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl,

6alkynyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-<sub>10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>10</sub>cycloalkyl, and C<sub>4</sub>.

6cycloalkenyl used in defining R<sup>1</sup> is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, benzyl, 5 and -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>heterocycloalkyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>5</sub>heteroaryl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>N-, and phenyl, wherein said C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl,

10 C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>heterocycloalkyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>5</sub>heteroaryl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>N-, and phenyl used in defining R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy and amino;

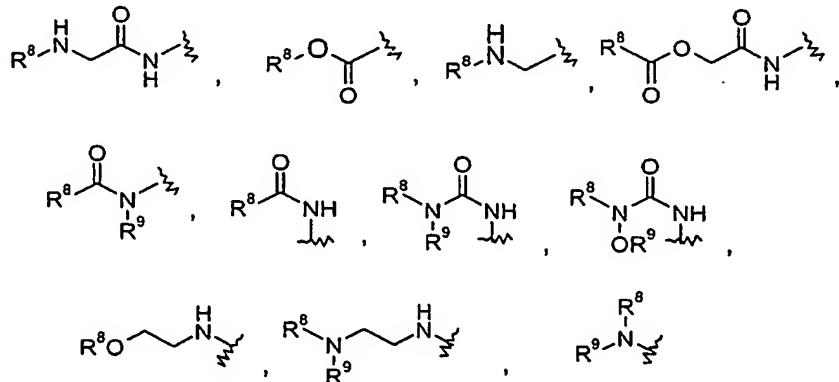
wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from -H, C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-alkenyl, and a divalent C<sub>1</sub>-alkylene that together with another divalent R<sup>5</sup> or R<sup>6</sup> and optionally 15 a heteroatom forms a portion of a ring;

Ar is selected from phenyl and C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>5</sub>heteroaryl;

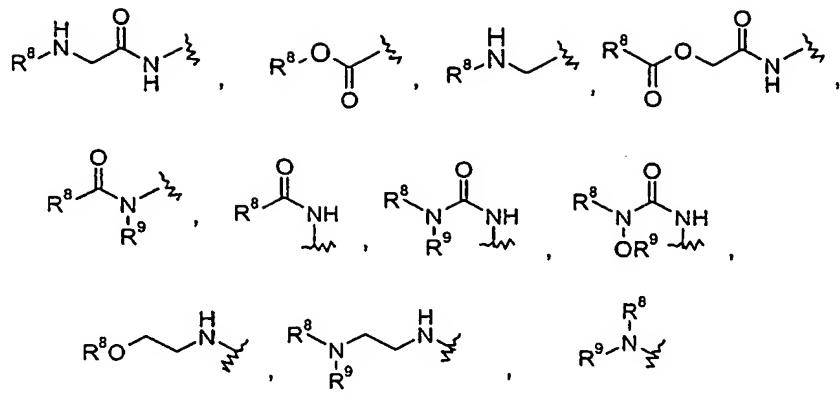
n is selected from 0, 1 and 2;

each of R<sup>3</sup> is independently selected from -H, nitro, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl C<sub>2</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>heterocycloalkyl-C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl,

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and, C<sub>3</sub>-<sub>6</sub>heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl, hydroxy, halogen and



each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl,

C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl and C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

5 C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl and C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl are optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy and -NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>; and

R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are independently selected from -H and C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl.

10 3. A compound as claimed claim 1,

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl-C(=O)-O-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl,

C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>4-6</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocylcoalkyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, and C<sub>4-6</sub>cycloalkenyl, wherein said C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

15 C<sub>4-6</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocylcoalkyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, and C<sub>4-6</sub>cycloalkenyl used in defining R<sup>1</sup> is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, benzyl, and amino;

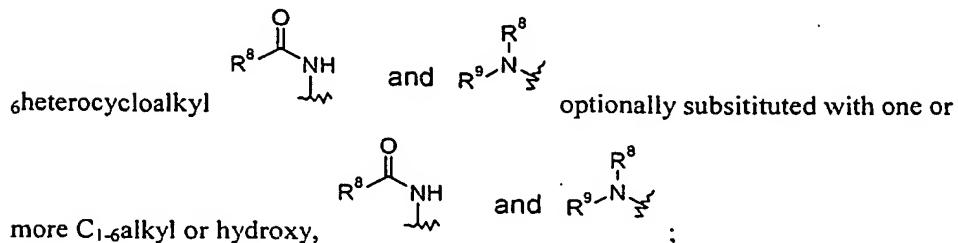
R<sup>2</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl and C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-

20 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl and C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl used in defining R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy and amino;

Ar is selected from phenyl and C<sub>3-5</sub>heteroaryl and

n is selected from 0, 1 and 2;

each of R<sup>3</sup> is independently selected from -H, halogen, nitro, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-



wherein said C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl contain at least one nitrogen ring atom and

5 the radical of C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocycloalkyl is located on the at least one nitrogen ring atom,  
and wherein each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
morpholinyl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, pyrrolidinyl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, and piperidinyl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, wherein said  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, morpholinyl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, pyrrolidinyl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, and piperidinyl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl are  
optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, methoxy, ethoxy,  
10 methyl, ethyl, hydroxy and -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; and

R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from -H and C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl.

4. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

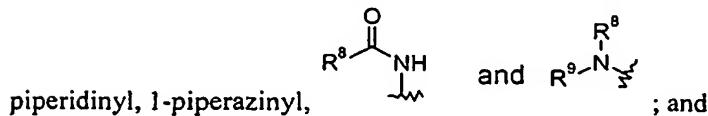
R<sup>1</sup> is selected from cyclohexylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl,  
15 cyclopropylmethyl, cyclohexylethyl, cyclopentylethyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-  
ylmethyl, 4,4-difluorocyclohexylmethyl, tetrahydropyranylmethyl,  
tetrahydropyranylethyl, tetrahydrofuranylmethyl, 1-piperidinylethyl, and N-methyl-2-  
piperidinylmethyl;

20 R<sup>2</sup> is selected from t-butyl, n-butyl, 2-methyl-2-butyl, isopentyl, 2-methoxy-2-  
propyl, 2-hydroxyl-propyl, trifluoromethyl, 1,1-difluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 1-  
methyl-propyl, 1,1-dimethyl-propyl, 1,1-dimethyl-3-buten-1-yl, ethyl, and 2-propyl;

Ar is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, isoxazolyl,  
imidazolyl, and pyrazolyl;

n is selected from 0, 1 and 2;

25 each of R<sup>3</sup> is independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, 4-morpholinyl, 1-



wherein 4-morpholinyl, 1-piperidinyl, and 1-piperazinyl are optionally substituted with one or more methyl; and wherein

each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, morpholinylmethyl, pyrrolidinyl-methyl, and piperidinyl-methyl, wherein said 5 C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, morpholinylmethyl, pyrrolidinyl-methyl, and piperidinyl-methyl are optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from hydroxy, amino and dimethylamino.

5. A compound selected from:

10 N-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]thiophene-2-sulfonamide;  
N-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-N-methylthiophene-2-sulfonamide;  
N-(1-Benzyl-2-*tert*-butyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
15 N-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-N,3,5-trimethylisoxazole-4-sulfonamide;  
N-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-N,1,2-trimethyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-sulfonamide;  
N-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-N,1,3,5-tetramethyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-sulfonamide;  
20 N-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzene sulphonamide;  
N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-ethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-isopropyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzene  
25 sulphonamide;  
N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-methylcyclopropyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylpropyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;  
30 N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethyl-3-butenyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;  
N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-methyl-4-piperidinyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-ethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-benzene sulphonamide;

5      *N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-isopropyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-benzene sulphonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-methylcyclopropyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;

10     *N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-methyl-4-piperidinyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl- benzenesulfonamide;

4-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[methyl(phenylsulfonyl)amino]-1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl]-1,1-dimethyl- piperidinium;

*N*-[2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1-[(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)methyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;

15     *N*-[2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1-[(tetrahydro-2-furanyl)methyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclobutylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;

20     *N*-[1-(cyclopropylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-(4-{[[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl) acetamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-6-morpholin-4-ylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;

25     *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide;

4-Amino-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

30     *N*-(4-{[[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)propanamide;

*N*-(4-{[[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2-methylpropanamide;

*N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-(ethylamino)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

5     *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-(formylamino)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

2-Bromo-*N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)acetamide;

10    *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2-pyrrolidin-1-ylacetamide;

*N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-*N*<sup>2</sup>,*N*<sup>2</sup>-dimethylglycinamide;

*N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2-morpholin-4-ylacetamide;

15    *N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)glycinamide;

      2-[({4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl acetate;

*N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2-hydroxyacetamide;

20    *N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-4-(4-morpholinyl)-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-benzenesulfonamide;

25    *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-benzenesulfonamide;

30    *N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]—  
benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-  
*N*,1,2-trimethyl-1*H*-imidazole-5-sulfonamide;

5 Ethyl 4-{{[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-  
yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl}-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-  
(hydroxymethyl)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

10 *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-  
methyl-4-(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-ylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-  
{[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]methyl}-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

15 *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclopentylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-  
methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-  
methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(1-Benzylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-2-*tert*-butyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-  
methylbenzenesulfonamide;

20 *N*-{2-*tert*-Butyl-1-[(4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)methyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}-*N*-  
methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-  
methylbenzenesulfonamide;

25 *N*-methyl-*N*-[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-  
benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-  
yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-methyl-*N*-[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1*H*-  
benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;

30 *N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-ethylpropyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-  
yl]benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1-ethylpropyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-  
methylbenzenesulfonamide; *N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-  
benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-ethylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-methyl-*N*-[2-(1-methyl-1-pyridin-2-ylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
*N*-[2-(1-cyano-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

5     *N*-methyl-*N*-[2-propyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
      *S*-Bromo-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-6-chloro-*N*-methylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;  
      *S*-Bromo-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-6-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-*N*-methylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;

10    *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-6-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-*N*-methylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;  
      *N*-(5-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}pyridin-2-yl)acetamide;

15    *N*-(3-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)acetamide;  
      *N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-*N*<sup>2</sup>-(2-hydroxyethyl)glycinamide;  
      4-[(Aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

20    *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)acetamide;  
      *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide;

25    *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;  
      *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-2-hydroxyacetamide;  
      *N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)-*N*<sup>2</sup>,*N*<sup>2</sup>-dimethylglycinamide;

30    *N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino]sulfonyl}phenyl)glycinamide;

*N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl}phenyl)-*N*<sup>2</sup>-methylglycinamide;  
5     *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-6-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-*N*-methylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;  
   *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-6-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-*N*-methylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;  
   *N*-[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-6-(formylamino)-*N*-methylpyridine-3-sulfonamide;  
   *N*-(5-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)pyridin-2-ylacetamide;  
   *N*-[4-({{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
   *N*-[4-({{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
15     *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
   *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-(1,4-dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
   *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-Butyl-1-[(1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
20     *N*-(4-{{[(2-*tert*-Butyl-1-[(2*R*)-1-methylpiperidin-2-yl]methyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}(methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
   *N*-[4-({methyl[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
25     4-Bromo-*N*-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;  
   *N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
   *N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-(dimethylamino)-  
30     *N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
   4-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*,4-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazine-7-sulfonamide;  
*N*-[4-{(methyl[2-(1-methyl-1-pyridin-2-ylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl]phenyl]acetamide;  
5     *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](ethyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
      4-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-ethylbenzenesulfonamide;  
      *N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-ethyl-4-{{(methylamino)carbonyl}amino}benzenesulfonamide;  
10    4-amino-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-ethylbenzenesulfonamide;  
      *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](ethyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;  
15    2-[(4-{{[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](ethyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]amino]-2-oxoethyl acetate;  
      *N*-(4-{{[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](ethyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)-2-hydroxyacetamide;  
      *N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-ethyl-4-{{(isopropylamino)carbonyl}amino}benzenesulfonamide;  
20    *N*-[4-({ethyl[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
      4-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-ethyl-*N*-[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
25    *N*-ethyl-*N*-[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-4-{{(methylamino)carbonyl}amino}benzenesulfonamide;  
      4-amino-*N*-ethyl-*N*-[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
      *N*-[4-({ethyl[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;  
30    2-{{[4-({ethyl[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl acetate;

*N*-[4-(*{ethyl}[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]-2-hydroxyacetamide;  
*N*-ethyl-4-*{[(isopropylamino)carbonyl]amino}*-*N*-[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
5     *N*-(4-*{[[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
4-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
10    2-Hydroxy-*N*-(4-*{[[2-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
      *N*-(4-*{[[2-(1-ethoxy-1-methylethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;  
      *N*-[4-(*{[1-(2-azetidin-1-ylethyl)-2-tert-butyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
15    3-[5-*{[4-(acetylamino)phenyl}sulfonyl]amino)-2-*tert*-butyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl]propyl acetate;  
      *N*-{4-*{[(1S,4S)-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-ylmethyl]-2-tert-butyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
      *N*-[4-*{[[2-tert-butyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
20    *N*-{4-*{[(2-tert-butyl-1-[2-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
      *N*-{4-*{[(2-tert-butyl-1-(cyclobutylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide;  
25    4-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-[2-*tert*-butyl-1-(cyclobutylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
      *N*-{4-*{[(2-tert-butyl-1-(cyclobutylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)(methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;  
      *N*-(4-*{[(2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)-2-hydroxyacetamide;  
30    *N*-(4-*{[(2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl)phenyl)acetamide;*************

*N*-(4-{{[2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl}phenyl)-3-methylbutanamide;  
5      *N*-(4-{{[2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl](methyl)amino}sulfonyl}phenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide;  
*N*-[2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-  
10     yl]-4-{{(isopropylamino)carbonyl]amino}-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
4-{Bis[(isopropylamino)carbonyl]amino}-*N*-[2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-  
2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide;  
*N*-[4-({methyl}[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-  
15     benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl]phenyl]acetamide;  
4-[(aminocarbonyl)amino]-*N*-methyl-*N*-[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-  
(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
*N*-methyl-4-nitro-*N*-[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-  
20     benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-amino-*N*-methyl-*N*-[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-  
1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
2,2-dimethyl-*N*-[4-({methyl}[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-  
25     (trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]propanamide;  
2-{{[4-({methyl}[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-  
benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl acetate;  
4-{{(isopropylamino)carbonyl]amino}-*N*-methyl-*N*-[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-  
ylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
2-Hydroxy-*N*-[4-({methyl}[1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-2-  
(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]acetamide  
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6.      A compound according to any one of claims 1-5 for use as a medicament.

7.      The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5 in the manufacture  
30     of a medicament for the therapy of pain.

8.      The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5 in the manufacture  
of a medicament for the treatment of anxiety disorders.

9. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of cancer, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, cancer, Huntington's chorea, Alzheimer's disease, gastrointestinal disorders and 5 cardiovascular disorders.

10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1-5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

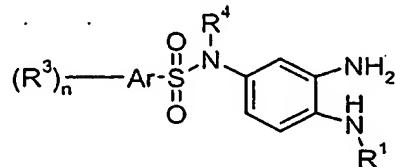
10 11. A method for the therapy of pain in a warm-blooded animal, comprising the step of administering to said animal in need of such therapy a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5.

12. A method for preparing a compound of Formula I,



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comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula II,



20 20 with a compound of  $\text{R}^2\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{X}$ , in the presence of a base and optionally a coupling reagent, followed by treatment with an acid;

wherein

X is selected from Cl, Br, F and OH;

25 R<sup>1</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, R<sup>5</sup>-C(=O)-O-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>N-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>O-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>C(=O)N(-R<sup>6</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NS(=O)<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>CS(=O)<sub>2</sub>N(-R<sup>6</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>NC(=O)N(-R<sup>7</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

$R^5R^6NS(=O)_2N(R^7)-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{1-10}hydrocarbylamino$ ,  $R^5R^6N-$ ,  $R^5O-$ ,  $R^5C(=O)N(-R^6)-$ ,  $R^5R^6NS(=O)_2-$ ,  $R^5CS(=O)_2N(-R^6)-$ ,  $R^5R^6NC(=O)N(-R^7)-$ ,  $R^5R^6NS(=O)_2N(R^7)-$ ,

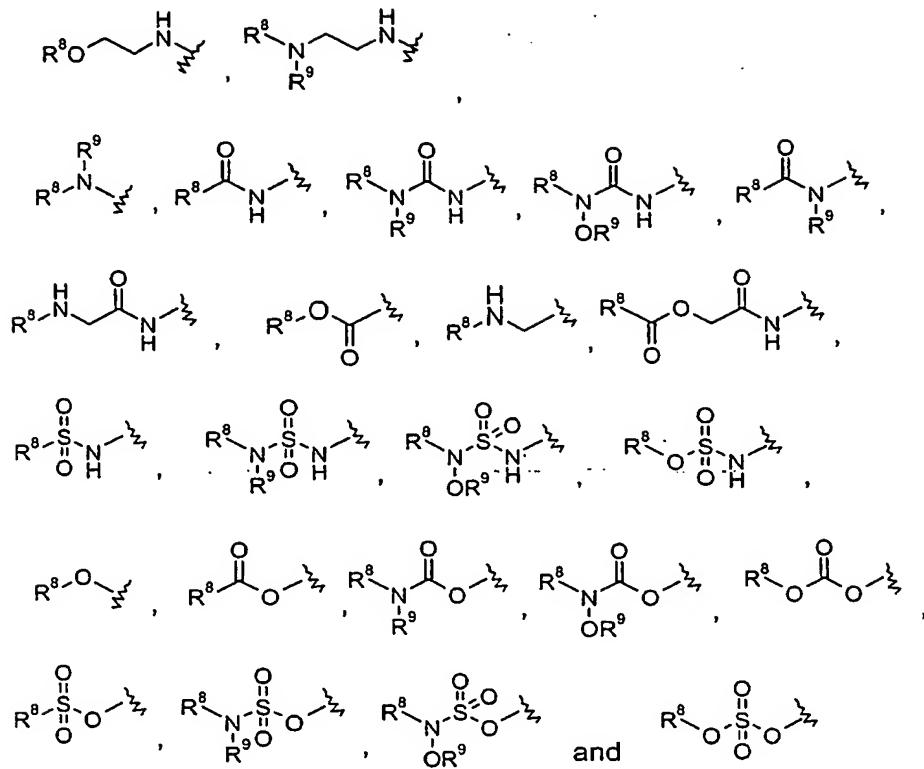
5  $C_{6-10}aryl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl-C(=O)-$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl$  and  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl-C(=O)-$ ; wherein said  $C_{1-10}alkyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkenyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkynyl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{1-10}hydrocarbylamino$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl-C(=O)-$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl$  or  $C_{3-6}heterocyclyl-C(=O)-$  used in defining  $R^1$  is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, benzyl, and  $-NR^5R^6$ ;

10  $R^2$  is selected from  $C_{1-10}alkyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkenyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkynyl$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl$ ,  $R^5R^6N-$ ,  $C_{3-5}heteroaryl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl$  and  $C_{3-6}heterocycloalkyl$ , wherein said  $C_{1-10}alkyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkenyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkynyl$ ,  $C_{3-8}cycloalkyl$ ,  $C_{3-8}cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}sheteroaryl$ ,  $C_{6-10}aryl$  or  $C_{3-6}heterocycloalkyl$  used in defining  $R^2$  is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, and  $-NR^5R^6$ ;

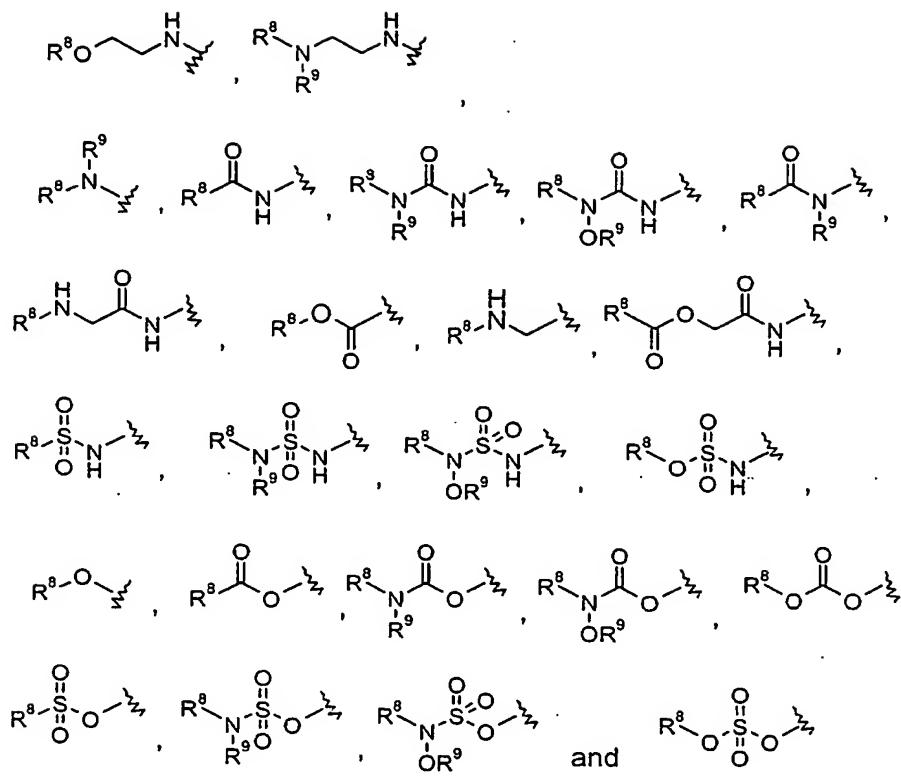
15 wherein  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are independently selected from  $-H$ ,  $C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{2-6}alkenyl$ ,  $C_{2-6}alkynyl$ , and a divalent  $C_{1-6}$ group that together with another divalent  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  or  $R^7$  forms a portion of a ring;

20  $Ar$  is selected from  $C_{6-10}aryl$  and  $C_{3-8}heteroaryl$ ;

25  $n$  is selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3; each of  $R^3$  is independently selected from  $-H$ , nitro, halogen,  $C_{1-10}alkyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkenyl$ ,  $C_{2-10}alkynyl$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl$ ,  $C_{3-10}cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{4-8}cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocycloalkyl-C_{1-6}alkyl$ ,  $C_{3-6}heterocycloalkyl$



optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, halogen, amino and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy,



each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from -H, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, and a divalent C<sub>1-6</sub>group that together  
5 with another divalent group selected from R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> forms a portion of a ring,  
wherein said C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or  
divalent C<sub>1-6</sub>group is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from  
halogen, cyano, nitro, methoxy, ethoxy, methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, and -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>; and  
10 R<sup>4</sup> is selected from -H, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, and C<sub>4-8</sub>cycloalkenyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl.